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SUBJECT: SPENT CHECK

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1. SEE NO PROBLEM IN RAISING CHECK ISSUE WITH BIN SHAKER PERSONALLY WHEN HE IS IN U.S. AND WOULD ENCOURAGE DOD ALSO TO DO SO. GENERAL LINE NOW SHOULD BE THAT GOJ FOR ITS OWN GOOD RELATIONS WITH SAUDIS SHOULD RAISE THE ISSUE IN RIYADH ITSELF AND SEEK TO CLEAR UP MATTER. YOU SHOULD REALIZE THAT ARGUING MERITS IN FAVOR OF SAUDI SIDE, I.E., THAT THERE IS NO MERIT TO GOJ CONTENTIONS AND THAT THEY SPENT CHECK THOUGHTLESSLY OR WITHOUT VERIFYING THAT HAWK WAS BEING HANDLED DIRECTLY BETWEEN SAUDIS AND US, WILL ONLY GET BACKS UP.

2. IN MEANTIME, I HAVE HAD A SESSION WITH BIN SHAKER ON THIS AND BOTH HE AND MG ABDUL HADI MAJALI SAY THEY SEE WISDOM OF OUR ARGUMENTS. STILL BELIEVE THEY WISH TO LOCK UP SAUDIS ON 1976 FMSCR FIRST.

3. IN ADDITION TO RECENT TALKS WITH SHAKER AND PM,
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I WILL BE SEEING SHARIF SHARAF TODAY AND PLAN CALL ON KING IN NEXT FEW DAYS. I WILL RAISE ISSUE AGAIN WITHOUT FAIL, BUT BELIEVE THAT KING WILL NOT BE ABLE TO GO TO SAUDI ARABIA BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR US AND UK. I WILL HOWEVER FEEL HIM OUT ON SENDING BADRAN. LATTER OF COURSE WILL NOT BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT "CLEARING THIS UP" FOR REASONS GIVEN EARLIER. REST ASSURED WE WILL

KEEP PLUGGING.

4. ON A RELATED POINT, JORDANIANS ARE PREPARED TO FLY PAPERS ON FY 76 FMSCR GUARANTEE FROM HERE TO RIYADH. THEY ARE WAITING FOR SAUDI CONCURRENCE TO COME. IN MEANTIME THEY HAVE POINTED OUT THAT FMSCR GUARANTEE FOR FY 75 WAS SIGNED BY AN ADDITIONAL GUARANTEE STATEMENT TYPED ON THE ORIGINAL ALREADY SIGNED BY JORDAN AND ARE NERVOUS THAT SAUDIS MAY WANT IT DONE THAT WAY. I HAVE TOLD THEM WE WANT IT THE WAY THE INSTRUCTIONS STATED, BUT TAKE IT BOTH WAYS AND SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE. THEY ARE WILLING TO GIVE US THEIR SIGNED ORIGINAL TO KEEP IF SAUDIS PREFER TO SIGN ACCORDING TO FY 75 PRACTICE. WE ASSUME EITHER WAY WILL BE VALID.
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